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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3733  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 10/802,906 )  
Filed: March 17, 2004 )  
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH )  
LOCKING ELEMENT (AS AMENDED) )

Confirmation No.: 5309  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 20, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendment to the Title** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 8-7-06

Application No. 10/802,906  
Amendment dated August 7, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of March 20, 2006

**Amendment to the Title:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

-- ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH LOCKING ELEMENT ~~SKELETAL PLATING~~  
~~SYSTEM~~--